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Reply To: Lansing

Jeff S. Jordan, Supervisory Attorney Complaints Examination and Legal Administration Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Re: MUR 5881; Response of Walberg for Congress and Jeffrey Yeutter, Treasurer ("WFC")

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This office represents Walberg for Congress ("WFC"), which has received a complaint (the "Complaint") designated Matter Under Review ("MUR") 5881 by the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission"). Attached are Designation of Counsel Statements executed by WFC.

Although the Complaint contains numerous allegations directed at the Club for Growth, Inc., PAC ("CFG-PAC"), the only allegation directed at WFC concerns the following unsubstantiated claim:

23. The CFG-PAC and Walberg for Congress knew that a substantial portion of the contributions received by CFG-PAC would be used to support Walberg for Congress. As such, the CFG-PAC and Walberg for Congress knowingly violated the campaign contribution limits applicable to individuals contributing to federal candidates.

Where are the facts to support this allegation as to what WFC "knew"? Although the Complaint attaches some exhibits allegedly prepared by CFG-PAC, no evidence has been offered with respect to WFC! Simply put, the Complaint makes no factual allegations of a violation by WFC.

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Accordingly, the Complaint is deficient on its face. The Commission regulations state that a complaint "should contain a clear and concise recitation of the facts which describe a violation of a statute or regulation over which the Commission has jurisdiction; and . . . [i]t should be accompanied by any documentation supporting the facts alleged if such documentation is known of, or available to the complainant." 11 C.F.R. §111.4(d)(3) and (4). The Complaint does not meet this standard and forces WFC into responding to pure speculation. The enforcement system will be abused unless the Commission requires concrete and specific factual information as required by Commission regulations. Stated differently, unless the Commission takes its pleadings standard seriously, the Commission procedures increasingly will be abused as a governmentally-sanctioned political weapon against core First Amendment activity. Accordingly, the Commission should summarily dismiss the Complaint under 11 C.F.R. §111.5.

To the extent that WFC is forced to submit a response in this matter, the attached affidavit of Joseph Wicks demonstrates that any charges are baseless and subject to dismissal under 2 U.S.C. §437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. §111.6. In contrast to the conjecture set forth in the Complaint, the Wicks affidavit demonstrates that WFC did not conspire with CFG-PAC to collectively obtain individual contributions that exceeded the contribution limits applicable to federal candidates. But again, WFC should not have been put to the burden of making such a demonstration and the Commission need not rely on it to dispose of the Complaint. Nonetheless, if the Commission does determine to examine the merits of the Complaint, as demonstrated by the Wicks affidavit, the Commission should find that there is no reason to believe that WFC violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and the Complaint should be dismissed.

Sincerely,

FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C.

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information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission and the confidentially provisions of 2 U.S.O. § 437g(a)(12)(A) apply. This section profibite making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation

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AFFIDAVIT

Affidavit of Joseph Wicks Campaign Manager, Walberg for Congress MUR 5881

JOSEPH WICKS, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that this Affidavit is made upon personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and if sworn as a witness, the affiant can testify competently to the following to the best of his knowledge:

- 1. I am the Campaign Manager for Walberg for Congress ("WFC").
- 2. As WFC Campaign Manager, I have personal knowledge of all activities or discussions that may have taken place between WFC and Club for Growth, Inc. PAC ("CFG-PAC").
- 3. I reviewed the Complaint in the above-referenced matter and can unequivocally state that WFC did not conspire with CFG-PAC to obtain individual contributions that exceeded contribution limits applicable to a federal candidate.
- 4. WFC did not conduct any joint or coordinated fundraising activity with CFG-PAC, including any activity to obtain direct contributions to WFC. Although WFC received earmarked contributions from CFG-PAC, such contributions were as a result of the unilateral efforts of CFG-PAC.
- 5. WFC did not know that any portion of contributions received from CFG-PAC would be used to support WFC.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated: December 5, 2006

STATE OF VICE STATE OF SS.

COUNTY OF Jackson

On this _____ day of December, 2006, before me, a notary public in and for said county, personally appeared Joseph Wicks and executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

THERESE L. HESSLAU
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN
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My commission expires: May

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